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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the February 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

### Idaho Milk Production up 10.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2006 totaled 880 million pounds, a 10.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 16 million pounds from December 2005. Revised production for December 2005 totaled 864 million pounds, down 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 10.3 percent above December 2004. Average milk production per cow in January 2006 was 1,860 pounds, a 30 pound increase from December 2005 and January 2005. The average number of milk cows during January was 473,000 head, up 1,000 head from December 2005 and up 37,000 head from January 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from January 2005.

December production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from December 2004. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,711 pounds for January, 68 pounds above January 2005. The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.19 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2005, and 11,000 head more than December 2005.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2004-2005

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	436	473	1,830	1860	798	880	10.3
February	437		1,680		734		
March	441		1,880		829		
April	443		1,850		820		
May	445		1,930		859		
June	451		1,900		857		
July	460		1,960		902		
August	468		1,940		908		
September	469		1,850		868		
October	470		1,870		879		
November	471		1,790		843		
December*	472		1,830		864		
Annual	455		22,332		10,161		

\* 2005 revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, January 2005-2006**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	165	165	1,975	2,060	326	340	4.3
California	1,739	1,772	1,770	1,825	3,078	3,234	5.1
Colorado	100	105	1,860	1,885	186	198	6.5
Florida	138	134	1,520	1,515	210	203	-3.3
<b>IDAHO</b>	436	473	1,830	1,860	798	880	10.3
Illinois	105	104	1,620	1,630	170	170	
Indiana	155	161	1,640	1,720	254	277	9.1
Iowa	190	200	1,750	1,765	333	353	6.0
Kansas	109	111	1,730	1,780	189	198	4.8
Kentucky	110	101	1,090	1,160	120	117	-2.5
Michigan	306	313	1,785	1,875	546	587	7.5
Minnesota	460	445	1,510	1,605	695	714	2.7
Missouri	118	114	1,330	1,440	157	164	4.5
New Mexico	319	342	1,710	1,845	545	631	15.8
New York	650	651	1,535	1,595	998	1,038	4.0
Ohio	267	273	1,460	1,460	390	399	2.3
Oregon	120	121	1,570	1,510	188	183	-2.7
Pennsylvania	564	557	1,540	1,650	869	919	5.8
Texas	318	325	1,655	1,845	526	600	14.1
Vermont	143	143	1,560	1,580	223	226	1.3
Virginia	105	103	1,465	1,495	154	154	
Washington	235	237	1,960	1,945	461	461	
Wisconsin	1,235	1,240	1,515	1,585	1,871	1,965	5.0
<b>23 STATE</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,087	8,190	1,643	1,711	13,287	14,011	5.4

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2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS**

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